

## MINUTES

### MONTANA SENATE 64th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

#### COMMITTEE ON BUSINESS, LABOR, AND ECONOMIC AFFAIRS

**Call to Order:** Chair Edward Buttrey, on January 22, 2015 at 8:00 AM, in Room 422  
Capitol

#### ROLL CALL

##### **Members Present:**

Sen. Edward Buttrey, Chair (R)  
Sen. Elsie Arntzen, Vice Chair (R)  
Sen. Dee Brown (R)  
Sen. Pat Connell (R)  
Sen. Tom Facey (D) (arrived after roll call)  
Sen. Cary Smith (R) (arrived after roll call)  
Sen. Sharon Stewart-Peregoy (D)  
Sen. Gordon Vance (R)  
Sen. Gene Vuckovich (D)  
Sen. Lea Whitford (D)

**Members Excused:** None

**Members Absent:** None

**Staff Present:** Linda Keim, Committee Secretary  
Jameson Walker, Legislative Branch

**Audio Committees:** These minutes are in outline form only. They provide a list of participants and a record of official action taken by the committee. The link to the audio recording of the meeting is available on the Legislative Branch website.

##### **Committee Business Summary:**

Hearing & Date Posted: SB 83, 1/12/2015; SB 52, 1/12/2015; SB 104, 1/12/2015; SB 105,  
1/12/2015

**HEARING ON SB 83**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:01:44 Sen. Christine Kaufmann (D), SD 40, opened the hearing on SB 83. Adopt health insurance appeals/external review laws of NAIC.

**Proponents' Testimony:**

00:13:02 Jesse Laslovich, Office of the Commissioner of Securities and Insurance, Montana State Auditor (CSI)

[EXHIBIT\(bus14a01\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(bus14a02\)](#)

00:19:18 Jeremy Johnson, college professor, speaking as a private citizen

[EXHIBIT\(bus14a03\)](#)

00:30:12 Rita Charles, volunteer advocate, American Association of Retired Persons (AARP)

00:31:01 Jim Ahrens, American Cancer Society (ACS), American Public Health Association (APHA)

00:32:35 Aimee Grmoljez, Billings Clinic

**Opponents' Testimony:**

00:33:02 Bill Lombardi, Blue Cross Blue Shield of Montana (BCBS-MT)

00:34:34 Bruce Spencer, America's Health Insurance Plans (AHIP)

**Informational Testimony:** None

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:** None

**Closing by Sponsor:**

00:36:58 Sen. Kaufmann

00:37:44 Chairman Buttrey

**HEARING ON SB 52**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:38:34 Sen. Jill Cohenour (D), SD 42, opened the hearing on SB 52. Revise captive insurance laws.

**Proponents' Testimony:**

00:43:50 Jeff Barber, Office of the Commissioner of Securities and Insurance, Montana State Auditor (CSI)

00:45:36 John Huth, Montana Captive Insurance Association (MCIA)

**Opponents' Testimony:** None

**Informational Testimony:** None

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

00:46:31 Sen. Brown  
00:47:15 Mr. Huth, CSI  
00:47:47 Chairman Buttrey  
00:47:57 Sen. Brown  
00:48:06 Steve Matthews, chief financial advisor, Office of the Commissioner of Securities and Insurance, Montana State Auditor (CSI)  
00:48:44 Chairman Buttrey  
00:49:32 Mr. Matthews, CSI[  
00:50:05 Sen. Facey  
00:50:50 Mr. Matthews  
00:51:10 Sen. Arntzen  
00:51:21 Mr. Matthews

**Closing by Sponsor:**

00:51:57 Sen. Cohenour  
00:53:12 Chairman Buttrey

**HEARING ON SB 104**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:54:00 Sen. Elsie Arntzen (R), SD 26, opened the hearing on SB 104. Clarify massage therapy licensing requirements.

**[EXHIBIT\(bus14a04\)](#)**

**Proponents' Testimony:**

00:56:50 Stacy Baird, chair, member of Board of Massage Therapists  
00:57:17 Judy Bovington, Department of Labor and Industry (DLI)

**[EXHIBIT\(bus14a05\)](#)**

00:58:30 Mona Jamison, attorney, Montana Chapter of American Physical Therapy Association (MCAPTA)

**Opponents' Testimony:** None

**Informational Testimony:** None

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

01:01:32 Chairman Buttrey  
01:02:03 Ms. Baird (redirect)  
01:02:17 Ms. Bovington, DLI

**Closing by Sponsor:**

01:02:53 Sen. Arntzen  
01:03:09 Chairman Buttrey

**HEARING ON SB 105**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

01:03:27 Sen. Elsie Arntzen (R), SD 26, opened the hearing on SB 105. Revise unemployment insurance laws.

[EXHIBIT\(bus14a06\)](#)

**Proponents' Testimony:**

01:08:09 Brenda Nordlund, unemployment insurance division, Department of Labor and Industry (DLI)

[EXHIBIT\(bus14a07\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(bus14a08\)](#)

**Opponents' Testimony:** None

**Informational Testimony:** None

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

01:23:56 Chairman Buttrey  
01:24:12 Ms. Nordlund, DLI  
01:25:37 Chairman Buttrey  
01:26:43 Ms. Nordlund (redirect)  
01:27:54 Chairman Buttrey  
01:28:00 Sandy Bay, contributions bureau chief, DLI  
01:28:21 Chairman Buttrey  
01:28:38 Ms. Nordlund  
01:29:29 Chairman Buttrey  
01:29:33 Sen. Facey  
01:30:12 Ms. Nordlund (redirect)  
01:30:32 Ms. Bay  
01:31:21 Sen. Facey  
01:31:48 Ms. Bay

**Closing by Sponsor:**

01:32:11 Sen. Arntzen

**Committee Business:**

01:33:15 Sen. Facey  
01:33:24 Jameson Walker, Legislative Services Division (LSD)  
01:33:43 Chairman Buttrey  
01:33:55 Sen. Smith  
01:34:01 Sen. Arntzen  
01:34:27 Chairman Buttrey  
01:34:45 Sen. Connell  
01:35:07 Mr. Walker, LSD  
01:35:56 Chairman Buttrey

**ADJOURNMENT**

Adjournment: 9:38 A.M.

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Linda Keim, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

**EXHIBIT([bus14aad.pdf](#))**